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Secretary of the Treasury and
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January 1, 1924.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and reenacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 1, 1924.

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 262, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I hereby proclaim the following estimate by the Director of the Mint of the values of pure metal contents of foreign coins to be the values of such coins in terms of the money of account of the United States, to be followed in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States during the quarter beginning January 1, 1924, expressed in any such metallic currencies; provided, however, that if no such value has been proclaimed, or if the value so proclaimed varies by five per centum or more from a value measured by the buying rate in the New York market at noon on the day of exportation, conversion shall be made at a value measured by such buying rate, as determined by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and published by me as certified by said bank pursuant to the provisions of said Section 25 as amended.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

January 2, 1924.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report, in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act, approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this office for the month ended December 31, 1923, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 3, 1924.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Printing and Stationery.

Sir:

Please be advised that there has been no printing nor binding done during the quarter ended December 31, 1923, for the Mint service at other than the Government Printing Office in Washington.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 4, 1924.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith for your approval application for continuance in the service of Albert W. Robinson, Laborer, United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

January 4, 1924.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith, approved, application for annuity in the case of Joseph H. Puckett, Weigher, United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant.
Director of the Mint.

OR

January 3, 1924.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a series of interrogatories prepared by the Director of the Mint, regarding production, coinage, industrial consumption, and monetary stock of gold and silver, as well as other monetary matters, and request that same be transmitted to representatives of the United States accredited to the foreign Governments indicated on the face of the interrogatories. Copies of comparative tables, compiled principally from answers to interrogatories of prior years, are also being forwarded with the current interrogatories, with the suggestion that they be distributed by United States representatives where they may stimulate interest in answers which will provide information for making future similar tables more complete.

The information elicited by these interrogatories is for the use of the Director of the Mint, who for many years has collected and published statistics relating to the subjects specified.

It is suggested that the following possible sources of information, regarding these subjects, be enumerated for the guidance of the representatives to whom these inquiries are addressed: Government Treasuries; Finance Departments; Mints; Statistical Bureaus; Mining and Geological Bureaus; Boards of Trade and Commerce; Customs Bureaus; Scientific Societies (especially Mining and Engineering), and technical experts of recognized standing. This suggestion is made for the reason that inquiries have, at times, been dropped because the information could not be obtained from one source, when it might have been obtained from other sources.

It will greatly facilitate the compilation of statistics if the United States representatives follow up their inquiries, thus contributing to expedite matters, and forward answers directly to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., U.S.A., so as to reach him by October 1st. Data received after that date are too late for publication the current year.

The cooperation of the State Department and its representatives abroad will be highly appreciated by the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

January 10, 1924.

Memorandum for the Under Secretary:

Replying to your memorandum of this date I have the honor to submit the following:

Gold coinage for this calendar year will probably be $100,000,000, depending upon the call for subsidiary coins and the number of Pittman dollars coined.

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

January 16, 1924.

Memorandum for the Under Secretary of the Treasury:

Referring to your memorandum of January 16, I am most strongly of the opinion that the Mints should not be opened to school children or other visitors at any time, and that the order closing the mints to all visitors should be consistently and very strictly carried out. I believe it would be a bad policy to attempt to make a distinction.

On general principles the idea of keeping the mints closed to visitors is, in my opinion, highly commendable.

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

January 16, 1924.

Dear Senator Willis:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of January 12 recommending the appointment of Mr. Judson Brenner of Youngstown, Ohio, as a member of the Annual Assay Commission.

I would take pleasure in acceding to your request by including the name of Mr. Brenner for consideration but the list for this year has already been closed.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. Frank B. Willis,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

January 17, 1924.

Dear Senator Capper:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 5, enclosing copy of S. 1316, for the relief of Annie H. Martin, now pending before your Committee.

In accordance with your request I am enclosing copy of letter dated March 2, 1920, addressed to Hon. Selden P. Spencer, signed by Hon. R. T. Baker, who was Director of the Mint at that time, and approved by Hon. David F. Houston, former Secretary of the Treasury, recommending the passage of a similar bill, S. 3938, 66th Congress, 2nd Session. I am also enclosing copy of letter dated October 24, 1921, which accompanied a copy of the letter above referred to.

The passage of this bill is recommended.

Respectfully,

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Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. Arthur Capper,
Chairman, Committee on Claims,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

January 16, 1924.

Dear Senator Smoot:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 9, and appreciate your courtesy in submitting to the Department for opinion the proposal to issue special half dollars to commemorate the commencement on June 18, 1923, of the work of carving on Stone Mountain, in the State of Georgia, a monument to the valor of the soldiers of the South, which was the inspiration of their sons and daughters and grandsons and granddaughters in the Spanish-American and World Wars, and in memory of Warren G. Harding, President of the United States of America, in whose administration the work was begun.

The Department looks with distinct disfavor upon the issue of an indefinite number of special coins, principally for the reason that such a policy opens the way to counterfeiting and makes the protection of the integrity of our coinage much more difficult. The issue of special coins is not in the interest of the general public and usually satisfies a very limited demand. Special coinages are seldom absorbed for circulation.

I wish to submit for your consideration the following statement relative to special coins recently issued.

Maine Centennial half dollars. $50,000 authorized; only $25,000 coined.

Pilgrim Tercentenary half dollars. $150,000 authorized; $150,000 coined, and of this number $40,000 returned to be melted.

Missouri Centennial half dollars. $125,000 authorized; only $25,000 coined, and of this number $14,800 returned for destruction.

Alabama Centennial half dollars. $50,000 authorized; only $35,000 coined, and of this number over $2,000 are on hand to be destroyed.

Grant Memorial half dollars. $125,000 authorized; only $50,000 coined, and of this number $14,200 returned for destruction.

Monroe Doctrine Centennial half dollars. 300,000 pieces author-

ized; 274,000 pieces coined. Of this number there remained on hand at the close of the Exposition 217,000 pieces.

The waste incident to such unnecessary coinage is obvious and is a strong argument against the issue of coins intended for special purposes and not for the accommodation of all the people.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. Reed Smoot,
Chairman, Committee on Finance,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

January 23, 1924.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your approval a model of the fifty cent silver piece to be issued in commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the settling of New Netherland, the Middle States, in 1624, by Walloons, French and Belgian Huguenots, under the Dutch West India Company, the coinage of which was authorized by the Act approved February 26, 1923.

The design, as to its artistic merits, has the approval of the Fine Arts Commission. It is understood that the weight, composition and dimensions of the coin shall be the same as prescribed by law for similar denominations.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Secretary of the Treasury.

February 1, 1924.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report, in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriations Act, approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this office for the month ended January 31, 1923, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 7, 1924.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 29, 1924, transmitting despatch No. 1992 from the American Consul General at Shanghai, China, together with an envelope containing samples from each of four Chinese silver dollars. In accordance with the request of the American Consul General the samples were transmitted to the Director of the Mint and they have been assayed. The following is the result of the assay tests:

Sample No.	1 - Silver	. . . 889.3	
	2 - "	. . . 890.8	
	3 - "	. . . 878.7	
	4 - "	. . . 889.2	gold trace.

The scrap resulting from the melting of the sample pieces is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

February 15, 1924.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the Annual Assay Commission which met at the Philadelphia Mint Wednesday, February 13, has concluded its examination of coins from the respective mints. All coins were found to be within the legal requirements as to weight and fineness.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

February 14, 1924.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 11, 1924, transmitting as of possible interest to the Treasury a copy of despatch No. 16,473 from the American Consul General at London, dated January 16, 1924, containing the text of a letter from Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Company of London regarding the fixing of the prices for silver bullion in the London market.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Secretary of the Treasury.

February 21, 1924.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Mr. Robert Clark, Coiner of the United States Mint, Philadelphia, since 1912, and an employee of the mint for thirty years, died on February 12, 1924.

I desire to submit for file in the records of this Department an expression of regret at the loss of so useful an officer, and the appreciation of the United States Mint Service for a man who has rendered invaluable service in the position which he filled so honorably and well for a long period of years.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

February 23, 1924.

Hon. G. B. Winston,
Under Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Winston:

I have your memorandum of February 22 stating that Representative Butler of Pennsylvania is interested in Ada C. Williamson, a clerk in the Philadelphia Mint, who desires promotion.

Should the opportunity present itself and the Superintendent of the Mint recommend the same I shall be glad to approve the promotion of Miss Williamson.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

February 26, 1924.

Hon. George Wharton Pepper, Jr.,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Pepper:

I have your letter of February 25, 1924, on behalf of Ada C. Williamson, an employee of the United States Mint, Philadelphia. I find upon investigation that Miss Williamson is now receiving $1400 and bonus; that she is in her seventieth year, and that it is probable she will be retired within a short time. If, however, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia can find it possible to recommend the promotion of Miss Williamson I will be glad to accede to his request. There is, however, no vacancy at present to which Miss Williamson could be promoted.

Respectfully,

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

February 25, 1924.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

In conformity with your request "Di" of February 20, 1924, I have the honor to forward herewith a set of interrogatories for use of the Government of Northern Ireland, in connection with the Treasury's annual request for data concerning monetary matters.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

February 26, 1924.

Dear Senator Lodge:

I have your letter of February 25 requesting authority for Mr. Marshall Wentworth, Principal of the Uxbridge High School, Uxbridge, Mass., to take his senior class through the Mint in Philadelphia when he visits that city in the latter part of March.

The order closing all the mints and assay offices to visitors has not been rescinded, and I feel sure you will appreciate the position of the Department in refraining from making an exception in this case. On your account I should take great pleasure in acceding to the request of Mr. Wentworth if it were not in conflict with the policy being very carefully adhered to by the Department at this time.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

March 1, 1924.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report, in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act, approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this office for the month ended February 29, 1924, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

March 3, 1924.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that an urgent deficiency appropriation in the sum of Three Hundred Dollars ($300) be requested for contingent expenses, Assay Office at Boise, fiscal year 1924.

This appropriation is needed for the reason that the amount of the current appropriation for contingent expenses of the Assay Office at Boise will not be sufficient to cover the cost of supplies required by the institution named for the balance of the fiscal year.

Under date of July 7, 1923, in accordance with section 3679, Revised Statutes, as amended by the Act of February 27, 1906, authority was granted to waive the monthly apportionment in the use of the contingent fund, and the amount now asked for is the least that will be required to maintain the Boise Office for the balance of the fiscal year.

Respectfully,

[signature]
F. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

March 3, 1924.

Mr. John C. Wells,
c/o United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Upon the completion of your duties at the Mint in Philadelphia will you please return to your post of duty at Denver by way of Washington. I desire to have a conference with you here in regard to the work you have been doing at the Philadelphia Mint.

Your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1924."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

March 5, 1924.

My dear Mr. Slemp:

This will introduce Mr. George T. Morgan, Engraver of the Mint at Philadelphia, who is preparing the model of the President's medal.

I am giving Mr. Morgan this letter to you in response to your letter of February 25, in which you requested that he should get in touch with you when he came to Washington.

Very sincerely yours,

Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. C. Bascom Slemp,
Secretary to the President,
The White House.

March 4, 1924.

Mr. George T. Morgan,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Washington on matters connected with the preparation of the medal of the President.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1924."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved: MAR 5 1924

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

March 1, 1924.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 28 requesting that the Director of the Mint be authorized to furnish the Department of State with twenty-five gold life saving medals with cases and riders as per sample forwarded by you.

Replying, I take pleasure in stating that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has this day been instructed to prepare and forward the medals as promptly as possible.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

March 7, 1924.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the balances remaining in the following indefinite appropriations be covered into the Surplus Fund:

Equipment of Assay Office Building, New York------$127.25
New Machinery & Appliances, Mint at Philadelphia- 276.74

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

March 6, 1924.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that official bonds in the penal sum of $5,000 each be prepared for the followint helpers at the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado:

Vivian S. Murphy Appointed February 5, 1924

Charles J. Blanchard " " 1, 1924

Patrick J. Kennon " " 1, 1924

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

March 8, 1924.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to your letter (Di 102.14/238) of February 8, 1924, and to forward herewith answers to certain inquiries of the British Embassy concerning coinage and other monetary matters of the United States for the calendar year 1923.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

March 11, 1924.

Honorable Albert H. Vestal,
Chairman, Committee on Coinage
Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives.

My dear Congressman Vestal:

In reply to your letter of March 7, 1924, enclosing a copy of H. R. 7040, a bill proposing the coinage of a Roosevelt-Harding-Wilson $2\frac{1}{2}$-cent memorial piece, the following is submitted:-

The issue of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation would, in the judgment of this Department, be inexpedient and inadvisable. There appears to be no popular demand for a coin of the denomination indicated, and the proposal to issue such a coin would meet with considerable opposition. Such an innovation would necessitate alteration of thousands of slot-machines now in use, all counting devices, bookkeeping forms and a wide variety of appliances. Practically every bank and large business house in the country would be inconvenienced, and both manufacturers of coin counting equipment, and their users would be put to unjustifiable loss. No useful purpose would be served by the issue of $2\frac{1}{2}$-cent pieces beyond that of satisfying a capricious demand for an unnecessary denomination of coin.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

March 12, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Washington, D.C., on business connected with the Mint at Denver.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1924."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

C. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

March 15, 1924.

My dear Mr. President:

I am returning herewith S. 684, An Act to authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the commencement on June 18, 1923, of the work of carving on Stone Mountain, in the State of Georgia, a monument to the valor of the soldiers of the South, which was the inspiration of their sons and daughters and grandsons and granddaughters in the Spanish-American and World Wars, and in memory of Warren G. Harding, President of the United States of America, in whose administration the work was begun, and have the honor to state that I know of no objection to the approval of the bill.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

The President,
The White House.

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April 1, 1924.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and reenacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

Enc:

March 31, 1924.

QUARTERLY REPORT ON SURPLUS PROPERTY.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In accordance with Department Circular No. 333 of October 31, 1923:

I hereby certify that all surplus property has been turned into the Department for proper disposition, and that there are no articles of equipment on hand in the bureau under my supervision which are not required for the efficient operation of its activities.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

Director of the Mint

Mint Bureau

April 4, 1924.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriations Act, approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this office for the month ended March 31, 1924, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1924.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Printing and Stationery.

Sir:

I have to report that no printing nor binding was done for mint service field institutions during the quarter ended March 31, 1924, at other than the Government Printing Office in Washington.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

April 2, 1924.

Mr. Charles D. Walcott, Secretary,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Walcott:

I have your letter of March 31 referring to the installation of the numismatic collection which was transferred from the Philadelphia Mint to the National Museum.

It will give me much pleasure to take advantage of your courteous invitation when the opportunity presents itself to visit the Museum and view the collection.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

April 5, 1924.

Hon. G. B. Winston,
Under Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a decision be obtained from the Comptroller General relative to the purchase from the contingent appropriations of the respective coinage mints and the New York Assay Office of aprons and sleeves used by the employees in the operative departments.

These purchases have always been regarded as proper charges against the contingent appropriations of the respective institutions, and have been allowed for the reason that the articles are eventually taken away from the employees and burned for the purpose of recovering precious metal particles adhering to them. The main purpose of supplying the articles is to protect the Government against loss of such precious metals in the regular course of operations which would result if private ownership were permitted. The articles are all eventually confiscated by the Government and are not supplied to employees not engaged in the actual handling of the precious metals.

This question has arisen at this time in view of the decision of the Comptroller General dated January 24, 1924, relative to personal furnishings such as laboratory coats.

Respectfully,

F. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

April 10, 1924.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith the recommendation of the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, New York, for continuance in the service of Hugh M. Byron. The recommendation of the Superintendent has the approval of this office.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 5, 1924.

Hon. Chas. L. Richards,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Richards:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 4, 1924, enclosing a copy of S. 1316, for the relief of Annie H. Martin.

In accordance with your request I am enclosing a copy of letter dated March 5, 1920, addressed to Hon. Selden P. Spencer, signed by Hon. R. T. Baker, who was Director of the Mint at that time, and approved by Hon. David F. Houston, a former Secretary of the Treasury, recommending the passage of a similar bill, S. 3938, 66th Congress, 2nd Session. I am also enclosing a copy of letter dated October 24, 1921, which accompanied a copy of the letter above referred to.

The passage of this bill is recommended.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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April 11, 1924.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 7, 1924, enclosing a translation of a note from the Uruguayan Minister, together with specifications in Spanish and English and sample coins; and stating that the Bank of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay wishes to receive proposals for the coining of five hundred thousand pesos in nickel coins, in accordance with the specifications.

Replying, I have the honor to state this coinage can be undertaken by the United States Mint at Philadelphia for the following prices:

6,000,000	5 centesimo pieces,	@	$3.50 per M Pieces
11,000,000	2 centesimo pieces,	@	2.00 " M "
3,000,000	1 centesimo pieces,	@	2.00 " M "

It is understood that the 5 centesimo piece shall weigh 5 grams and be 25 mm. in diameter; the 2 centesimo piece shall weigh 3½ grams and be 20 mm. in diameter; the 1 centesimo piece shall weigh 2 grams and be 17 mm. in diameter, the tolerance in weight being 1½ grains per piece. It is also understood that the alloy shall be 75% copper and 25% nickel with a tolerance of 2% in each coin.

The prices quoted cover the coinage charges and working dies only. Packing cases or kegs used in shipping the coins, metal, and cost of hubs or master dies, if required, will be additional.

Master dies and hubs, according to samples submitted, can be made at the mint for $300 each.

Paragraph 6 of the Specifications states: "Coins must be delivered to the Banco de la Republica O. del Uruguay in perfect condition, packed in boxes; analysis, freight, insurance, etc., expenses prepaid by bidder. The Banco de la Republica O. del Uruguay guarantees entry free of custom duties." The conditions of this paragraph cannot be complied with by the mint. The necessary metal required must be furnished, and coinage charges

paid prior to delivery of coins. Neither can the mint arrange for boat space nor pay transportation, insurance and other charges in connection with shipping the coins.

It is customary in cases where coinage is undertaken for foreign governments for the interested government to appoint an agent, either a bank, firm or individual, to represent the government for which the coinage is executed in paying all charges incurred and receiving and arranging for the shipment of the coins.

The coinage herein referred to will require the following amounts of copper and nickel.

			Copper Avoir. Lbs.	Nickel Avoir lbs.
5,000,000	5 centesimo	pieces	41,335.71	13,778.57
11,000,000	2 "	"	63,657.00	21,219.00
3,000,000	1 "	"	9,920.67	3,306.86

The above metal can, if it is desired, be purchased by the mint on competitive bids, and paid for by the representative of the Government of Uruguay upon awarding the contract.

Containers for shipping can also be furnished by the mint at prices obtained on competitive bids.

The sample coins transmitted with your letter of April 7 are being held in this Department with the correspondence.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

May 1, 1924.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriations Act, approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this office for the month ended April 30, 1924, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 2, 1924.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am enclosing a letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia recommending that four employees now engaged in mechanical work in the Mint in Philadelphia be carried in the class of employees eligible for retirement at sixty five years.

The request is made for the reason that the work on which these employees are engaged is exhausting and laborious, and they should be properly classed with mechanics.

The Superintendent recommends for immediate retirement, Nellie McNamara, who will reach the age of 65 years on June 6, 1924.

In the case of the three other employees, Sallie V. Grimes, Kate Langton, and Tillie McDowell, the Superintendent recommends that should this authority be granted to place these women in the class of employees eligible for retirement at 65 years of age, that these employees be retained for a period of two years from the time they reach the age of 65 years.

I strongly urge that the recommendation of the Superintendent be acted upon favorably and that this class of employees of the Mint Service be considered in the class of mechanics.

Respectfully,

[redacted]

J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 1, 1924.

Hon. George H. Moses, Chairman,
Joint Committee on Printing,
Care of United States Senate Post Office,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Moses:

The Director of the Mint reports that there is required for use in the United States Mint at Philadelphia one Gordon Press for the purpose of printing money bags. This Department understands that there is such a press on hand at the Government Printing Office. Will you please advise me whether or not the press may be transferred to this Department for shipment to the Mint, and upon what terms.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

May 6, 1924.

Mr. George T. Morgan,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are authorized and requested to proceed to Washington on business connected with the preparation of the President's medal.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1924."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

May 10, 1924

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Printing and Stationery.

S i r:

In conformity with paragraph 24, Regulations of the Joint Committee on Printing, please be advised that estimated requirement of the Mint Service for field printing and binding during the fiscal year 1925 is $25.00.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

May 16, 1924.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the "Engineering & Mining Journal Press", a periodical publication, is required for official use in the United States Assay Office at Seattle, Washington, and to request your authority to make payment for the same in advance, for one year from July 1, 1924, in accordance with the Act of March 4, 1915:

It is understood that the subscription price of this publication is $5.00.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

May 17, 1924.

Hon. James E. Watson,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Watson:

I have your letter of May 6, 1924, enclo sing corres-
pondence with Mr. L. B. Hodgin, President of the Kokomo Stone
Company, Kokomo, Indiana, who has repeated a comp laint with
regard to the manufacture of medals in the Mint a t Philadelphia.

Your letter, together with the correspon dence, was
transmitted to the Director of the Mint, who pers onally inves-
tigated the matter at the Mint in Philadelphia th is week. He
finds that from June 1, 1923 to May 15, 1924, the total amount
of medal business done by the Mint at Philadelphi a for private
parties amounted to $1,128.43. The medals repres ented by this
business are those made from dies belonging to un iversities
which have been at the Mint for years.

No competition is entered into for the m edal business,
and I have been unable to find any foundation in fact for the
complaint of Mr. Hodgin.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasur y.

May 21, 1924.

Dear Congressman Vestal:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 17, 1924, and appreciate your courtesy in submitting to the Department for opinion the proposal to issue special half dollars to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Fort Vancouver.

The Department looks with distinct disfavor upon the issue of an indefinite number of special coins, principally for the reason that such a policy opens the way to counterfeiting and makes the protection of the integrity of our coinage much more difficult. The issue of special coins is not in the interest of the general public and usually satisfies a very limited demand. Special coinages are seldom absorbed for circulation. There are known instances of special coins being refused in trade for the reason that the public is not familiar with them.

The present Bill represents the third special coin brought to the attention of your committee within five months. Within three years five special coins have been authorized by Congress.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. Albert H. Vestal,
Chairman, Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

May 24, 1924.

Mr. Ernest F. Moessner,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the United States Assay Office, New York City, to assist on the Annual Settlement Committee which is to meet at that institution June 10, 1924.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint.

Travel orders are enclosed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

May 24, 1924.

Mr. Howard E. Freas,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the United States Assay Office, New York City, to assist on the Annual Settlement Committee which is to meet at that institution June 10, 1924.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling expenses and $4.00 per diem in lieu of subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

May 24, 1924.

Mr. Edward P. Leech, Chief Clerk,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the United States Assay Office, New York City, as Chairman of the Settlement Committee which is to meet at that institution June 10, 1924.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint.

Travel orders are enclosed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

May 24, 1924.

Mr. N. A. Rumsell,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, to assist on the Annual Settlement Committee which is to meet at that institution June 12, 1924.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling expenses and $6.00 per diem in lieu of subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint,

Travel orders are enclosed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

O. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

May 24, 1924.

Mr. J. C. Bates, Jr., Chief Clerk,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., as Chairman of the Settlement Committee which is to meet at that institution June 12, 1924.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling expenses and $4.00 per diem in lieu of subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint.

Travel orders are enclosed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

May 24, 1924.

Mr. F. H. Chaffin, Assistant Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, as Chairman of the Settlement Committee which is to meet at that institution June 12, 1924.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint.

Travel orders are enclosed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

May 24, 1924.

Mr. Charles L. Tedford,
United States Assay Office,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the United States Mint, San Francisco, Cal., to assist on the Annual Settlement Committee which is to meet at that institution June 12, 1924.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling expenses and $4.00 per diem in lieu of subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint,

Travel orders are enclosed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

May 24, 1924.

Mr. Arthur C. Ebbey,
Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the United States Mint, San Francisco, California, to assist on the Annual Settlement Committee which is to meet at that institution June 12, 1924.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint.

Travel orders are enclosed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

May 22, 1924.

Mr. Leonard Morgan,
United States Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, to assist on the Annual Settlement Committee which is to meet at that institution June 12, 1924.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint,

Travel orders are enclosed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

May 24, 1924.

Mr. Timothy J. Quirk,
Assayer, Bureau of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., to assist on the Annual Settlement Committee which is to meet at that institution June 12, 1924.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling expenses and $4.00 per diem in lieu of subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint.

Travel orders are enclosed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

May 24, 1924.

Mr. E. J. Wagor,
United States Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the United States Mint, San Francisco, California, as Chairman of the Settlement Committee which is to meet at that institution June 12, 1924.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling expenses and $4.00 per diem in lieu of subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint.

Travel orders are enclosed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

May 24, 1924.

Mr. Hubert D. Coleman,
Superintendent, Melting and Refining Department,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the United States Assay Office, New York City, to assist on the Annual Settlement Committee which is to meet at that institution, June 10, 1924.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling expenses and $4.00 per diem in lieu of subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint.

Travel orders are enclosed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

May 24, 1924.

Mr. Francis W. Darner,
Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, to assist on the Annual Settlement Committee which is to meet at that institution June 12, 1924.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint.

Travel orders are enclosed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

May 29, 1924.

Mr. Leonard Morgan,
United States Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

You are hereby authorised and requested to proceed to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, to assist on the Annual Settlement Committee which is to meet at that institution June 12, 1924.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling expenses and $4.00 per diem in lieu of subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1924"

Travel orders are enclosed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

May 31, 1924.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of State Department letter of May 28, 1924, file Di 022.16, stating that the American Minister at San Salvador is in receipt of a request from Dr. Pedro S. Fonsera, Director General of Statistics of El Salvador, that he be furnished a copy of the latest annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

I have taken pleasure in requesting the Director of the Mint to forward to Dr. Fonseca a copy of the Report for the fiscal year 1923, and to place his name on the mailing list for future copies.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

Garrard B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

June 2, 1924.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriations Act, approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this office for the month ended May 31, 1924, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1924.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 31, 1924 (015.59), enclosing copy of a note in which the Charge d'Affaires ad interim of Denmark asks for certain information regarding gold and gold coinage in the United States.

In reply please be advised that there is no embargo on the export of gold coins or bars from the United States. The melting of gold coins into bars is not prohibited, and gold may be purchased in the open market.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

Garrard B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

June 10, 1924.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration a request that the apportionment of the regular or basic appropriations already provided for Salaries and Wages for the several Mints and Assay Offices be waived for the first six months of the fiscal year 1925, in such proportion as will enable us to make payment to the employees in the field service of the salaries and wages in accordance with the amounts agreed upon in the act pending to include bonus and reclassification. This recommendation is submitted in anticipation of the signing of the Act passed to cover bonus and reclassification upon the reconvening of Congress.

Section 3679 of the Revised Statutes provides:

"All appropriations made for contingent expenses or other general purposes, *** shall, on or before the beginning of each fiscal year, be so apportioned by monthly or other allotments as to prevent expenditures in one portion of the year which may necessitate deficiency or additional appropriations to complete the service of the fiscal year for which said appropriations are made; and all such apportionments shall be adhered to and shall not be waived or modified except upon the happening of some extraordinary emergency or unusual circumstance which could not be anticipated at the time of making such apportionment, * * * and in case said apportionemtns are waived or modified as herein provided, the same shall be waived or modified in writing by the head of such Executive Department or other Government establishement having control of the expenditure, and the reasons therefor shall be fully set forth in each particular case and communicated to Congress in connection with estimates for any additional appropriations required on account thereof."

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 10, 1924.

Mr. E. D. Hawkins,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Washington, D.C., for conference with this Bureau on matters relating to the reclassification of employees of the Mint and Assay Service.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, "Contingent Expenses, United States Mint, San Francisco."

Respectfully,

M. W. Roberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

JUN 11 1924

Approved:

G. A. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

June 17, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendations contained in your letter of June 11, 1924, you are authorized to enter into contracts with the following firms for general supplies and services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, at the prices indicated:

Charcoal

John R. Rowland - Clementon, N.J.	Pine, lump	per bu.	$0.30
	" granulated	" lb.	.04
	" pulverized	" lb.	.05½
	Oak granulated	" lb.	.04

Castings

Paul S. Reeves & Co. 1415 Catharine St., Philadelphia, Pa.	Brass	per lb.	.25
Bridgement Foundry & Machine Company, Inc.	Iron	per lb.	.045

Hauling

John McKee	94½ cu. ft.	per load	$2.50

Ice

Standard Ice Mfg. Co.		per C lbs.	.35

Laundry

Pilgrim Laundry Co.	Towels	per doz.	.18
	Covers	" "	1.00

Respectfully,

JUN 18 1924

Approved:

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

June 17, 1924.

Mr. E. D. Hawkins,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed from Washington, D.C. to Philadelphia, Pa., and return, on business connected with the United States Mint at San Francisco.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, "Contingent Expenses, United States Mint, San Francisco, 1924."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

JUN 18 1924

Approved:

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

June 18, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendations contained in your letter of June 14 you are authorized to enter into contract with the following firms covering service and supplies to be furnished your institution during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925 at the prices indicated. It is understood in each case the award represents the lowest bid received:

U.S. Foil Company

Lead Foil to be cut with paper between to prevent edges adhering into pieces about 2-1/2" by 1-3/8" weighing 5 grams each or 6 to the ounces troy -- to be free from gold and silver, antimony, bismuth and tin, per lb.	$ 0.20

Standard Oil Company

Fuel Oil, per gal.	.07

Drawn Down Towel Service Company

Laundrying towels, per hundred	.95

Ice Service Corporation

Ice, daily supply, 300 pounds, per cwt.	.35

R. MacKellar's Sons Co.

Charcoal, powdered, per lb.	.02½

E. B. Newman

Charcoal, lump, 3 bushels to bag, per bag	.79

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Kalbfleisch Corporation

Sulphuric Acid in carboys-comm., per lb.	$ 0.0135
Muriatic " " " " " "	0.0145

J. T. Baker Chemical Co.

Ammonia Water C.P. in bottles, per lb.	.15
Sulphuric Acid, C.P. in bottles, per lb.	.10
Muriatic Acid, C.P. in bottles, per lb.	.10
Nitric Acid, C.P. in bottles, per lb.	.15
Nitric Acid, C.P. in carboys, per lb.	.13
Nitric Acid, 40 degree free from chlorine, per lb.	.054

Primier Window Cleaning Company

Cleaning windows, per month	45.00

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

JUN 18 1924

Approved:

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

June 20, 1924.

Secretary of Treasury,
Through Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants.

Sir:

In conformity with instructions in circular letter of June 5th I have the honor to state that the following amounts are to be transferred to the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund from appropriations under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of the Mint:

Appropriation	Amount to be transferred.
Salaries, Office Director of the Mint, 1925	$ 602.50
Salaries, Mint at Carson City, 1925	30.00
Wages of Workmen, Mint at Carson City, 1925	25.00
Salaries, Mint at Denver, 1925	627.50
Wages of Workmen, Mint at Denver, 1925	2,250.00
Salaries, Mint at New Orleans, 1925	57.50
Wages of Workmen, Mint at New Orleans, 1925	93.00
Salaries, Mint at Philadelphia, 1925	1,275.00
Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1925	10,966.00
Salaries, Mint at San Francisco, 1925	987.50
Wages of Workmen, Mint at San Francisco, 1925	4,375.00
Salaries, Assay Office at Boise, 1925	30.00
Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at Boise, 1925	43.50
Salaries, Assay Office at Deadwood, 1925	30.00
Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at Deadwood, 1925	25.00
Salaries, Assay Office at Helena, 1925	30.00
Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at Helena, 1925	22.50
Salaries, Assay Office at New York, 1925	1,100.00
Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at New York, 1925	4,175.00
Salaries, Assay Office at Salt Lake City, 1925	- --
Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at Salt Lake City, 1925	37.50
Salaries, Assay Office at Seattle, 1925	132.50
Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at Seattle, 1925	190.00
Special Fund-Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold	300.00
Total retirement deductions - - - - - -	$27,585.00

Respectfully,

[signature]

F. E. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1924.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Printing and Stationery,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With reference to your communication of June 20th please be advised that it is not now anticipated that there will be any material difference in requirements of this office for printing and binding during the fiscal year 1926 as compared with those for 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 23, 1924.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 21, 1924 (Di) enclosing a note from the Polish Minister at this Capital in which he states that his Government desires the manufacture of 24,000,000 zlotys at a United States Mint.

I have taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to proceed with the preparation for this coinage to be executed at the earliest date possible in connection with meeting the demands for domestic coinage. It will be possible to make a partial delivery of the coins desired within twenty days after the dies are ready.

It is understood that the American Smelting & Refining Company is to be the agent to deal with the Mint on behalf of the Polish Government, and that the Company named will deliver to the Mint the required metal, and receive and make payment for the coins at the Mint.

The cost of executing the coinage will be at the rate of $3.50 per thousand pieces. This includes the cost of working dies. The cost of preparing the master die will be ap-

proximately $300.

Containers for the coins will be extra, and can be procured by the Mint on competitive bids.

By direction of the Secretary,

Respectfully,

G. B. WINSTON
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

June 23, 1924.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the following periodicals are required for official use in this Bureau and to request your authority to make payment for same in advance, in accordance with the Act of March 4, 1915:

The Bankers Magazine, New York.
Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin.
Commercial and Financial Chronicle.
El Economista, Madrid.
The Engineering and Mining Journal.
The New York Times (Daily only)
Federal Statutes Annotated, Supplement.
The Bankers Magazine, London.
The Mining Journal.
The Economist.
The Statist.
The Monetary Times, Toronto, Canada.
The Far Eastern Review, Shanghai, China.
South African Mining Journal, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved June 25 1924

Secretary of the Treasury.

July 1, 1924.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Enc.

June 28, 1924.

Mr. J. C. Bates,
Chairman, Settlement Committee,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Washington, D.C., for the purpose of reporting in regard to the Settlement Committee of which you have been Chairman in Philadelphia. Upon completion of your conference with this Bureau you will please return to New York City and from there to your post of duty in San Francisco.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1925."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

July 1, 1924.

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 405, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I hereby proclaim the following estimate by the Director of the Mint of the values of pure metal contents of foreign coins to be the values of such coins in terms of the money of account of the United States, to be followed in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States during the quarter beginning July 1, 1924, expressed in any such metallic currencies; provided, however, that if no such value has been proclaimed, or if the value so proclaimed varies by five per-centum or more from a value measured by the buying rate in the New York market at noon on the day of exportation, conversion shall be made at a value measured by such buying rate, as determined by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and published by me as certified by said bank pursuant to the provisions of said Section 25 as amended.

Secretary of the Treasury.

July 1, 1924.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriations Act, approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this office for the month ended June 30, 1924, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 30, 1924.

Dear Senator Lodge:

I have your letter of June 27, 1924 inquiring as to what action has been taken in regard to the issuance of the memorial fifty-cent piece authorized by Act approved March 17, 1924.

The design for this coin has not yet been determined upon or accepted by the Department. It is in course of preparation, and it is expected several weeks will elapse before the design is submitted to the Department for approval.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury:

Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge,
United States Senate,
Nahant, Massachusetts.

July 1, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendations contained in your letter of June 2 you are authorized to enter into contracts with the following named firms to furnish your institution with the articles enumerated or services indicated during the fiscal year 1925:

Western Foundry

Plain Iron Castings	$0.05½ per lb.	Cored Castings	$0.06½ per lb.
Machine "	.06½ " "	Moulds	.06½ " "

National Ice and Cold Storage Co. of California

Ice	$0.70 per cwt.

Metropolitan Laundry Company

Rags	$0.01 ea.	Aprons	$0.05 ea.
Scale Covers	.05 "	Bags	.02 "
Roller Towels	.02 "	Canvas Sleeves	.05 "
Hand Towels	.01 "	Woolen Sleeves	.05 "
Filter Covers	.02 "		

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

C. S. Dewey
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

June 28, 1924.

Mr. J. C. Bates,
Chairman, Settlement Committee,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Washington, D.C., for the purpose of reporting in regard to the Settlement Committee of which you have been Chairman in Philadelphia. Upon completion of your conference with this Bureau you will please return to New York City and from there to your post of duty in San Francisco.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling expenses and $4.00 per day in lieu of subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1925."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 30, 1924.
Approved:

C. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

July 8, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendations contained in your letter of July 3, 1924, you are authorized to enter into contract with the following firms to furnish your institution with the oils indicated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925:

O. F. Zurn Company

Engine Oil	per gal.	$0.21
Rolling mill oil	" "	.23
Machine oil	" "	.17

Sun Oil Company

Mold Oil	per gal.	.23½

E. F. Houghton & Company

Cylinder oil (Cyltal)	per lb.	.11½

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

C. S. Dewey
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

July 7, 1924.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith for your approval changes in rates of pay to be applied to the employees of the following field offices of the Mint Service:

United States Mint, Philadelphia
United States Mint, Denver
United States Assay Office, New York
United States Mint, San Francisco

These rates are in accordance with the basic salary plus an amount allowed by the Reclassification Committee and are within the appropriation provided.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendations forwarded with your letter of June 30 you are authorized to enter into contract with the following parties to furnish services and supplies to your institution during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925:

Acids - General Chemical Company

Muriatic Com'l	$2.00	cwt.
Sulphuric "	2.00	"
Nitric Parting	10.00	"
Nitric, C.P.	13.00	"

Laundry - Hamilton Towel Supply Company

Aprons, single . . .	$0.03½	each
Aprons, double . . .	.04½	"
Sleeves, single . . .	.03½	"
Sleeves, double . . .	.04½	"
Towels, each . . .	.02	

Removing Ashes - S. L. Threadgill

Double Horse Load . .	$1.75

Iron Castings - Western Iron Foundry Co.

Per cwt.	$0.06

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

C. S. Dewey
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

July 11, 1924.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Printing,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I have to report that during the quarter ended June 30, 1924 no printing or binding for the mint field service was done at other than at the Government Printing Office in Washington.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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July 12, 1924.

Hon. R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Letter of November 14, 1923, authorizing you to visit the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States on official business during your incumbency as Director of the Mint, whenever in your opinion the interests of the service demand it, is hereby amended to authorize an allowance of $4.00 per diem in lieu of actual cost of subsistence, or your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses, not to exceed $5.00 per diem, at your discretion, while on such duty.

Respectfully,

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

July 18, 1924.

MEMORANDUM FOR UNDERSECRETARY WINSTON:

loss per dollar per year by reason of abrasion of U. S. gold coin in circulation, on following basis, is $0.0000755+.

Taking the abrasion loss as the difference between face value and recoinage value of the coin received by the mints for recoinage during the 20 years - 1904 to 1923.

Taking coin in circulation for a 20-year period as that carried on the Circulation Statement for July 1st, 1922 and 1923, and as computed by the Section of Statistics on the same basis for July 1st of each year from 1904 to 1921 inclusive. This also assumes that the July 1st amount was the average for the year.

During the above 20 years the face value of U. S. gold coin received for recoinage totaled $86,087,746.50, with recoinage value $85,266,362.38, and loss on face value $821,384.12, giving ratio of loss .009541+ or somewhat under 1¢ per dollar. This disregards the length of time the coin may have been in circulation.

In the United Kingdom the loss on light weight coin received for recoinage during the 25-year period 1892 to 1917 amounted to 1.26%, or the equivalent of about 1¼¢ per dollar. This also disregards the length of time the coins may have been in circulation.

Pre-war period estimates of gold coin in circulation in United Kingdom are few and at irregular intervals. The latest one is for 1910, £ 69,000,000 in circulation and £ 44,000,000 in banks.

M. M. O'Reilly

July 22, 1924.

Mr. S. B. Frantz,
Chief Accountant,
Bureau of the Mint,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

You are authorized and requested to proceed to the United States Assay Office at New York on business connected with the accounts of that office.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1925".

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

JUL 22 1924

Approved:

C. S. DEWEY,
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

July 24, 1924.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am enclosing contracts with the following named firms for furnishing service or supplies to the U. S. Mint, San Francisco, with the request that if the same meet with your approval they be transmitted to the Solicitor of the Treasury for examination:

Metropolitan Laundry Company
National Ice and Cold Storage Co.
Western Foundry Incorporated.

No bonds have been required on account of the limited amounts of each contract.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1924.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY DEWEY:

I would suggest, as a plan of automatically testing the keeping of silver dollars in circulation, that disbursing officers of the Government be required to use them in pay envelopes to such an extent at first as would not create pronounced antagonism. A persistant effort might be started immediately in this Department. Augmenting the efforts of U. S. disbursing officers in Washington and in the field, the Federal Reserve Banks might be invited to cooperate with the Government in getting silver dollars into circulation in rural districts and the South. In the West there is less prejudice against silver dollars than in the East. The demand for silver dollars in the West is due largely to local pride and interest in silver production. Therefore the least opposition would be encountered in placing silver dollars in more general circulation in silver producing centers.

The transportation at Government expense would be a consideration. In December, 1923, Senator Smoot introduced

a bill providing for an appropriation of $25,000 to cover the cost of transportation of silver dollars at Government expense to Federal Reserve Banks and from such banks to the applicants. Although this bill is still in committee, it might be regarded as an indication of the willingness of Western banks to circulate silver dollars if banks were relieved of transportation costs.

It would be a very difficult undertaking to change the monetary habits of a community highly developed commercially. In such centers the circulation of silver dollars would be impracticable for the reason that they are not portable and would cause inconvenience and delay. Comparatively little money in any form actually passes from hand to hand in such districts. As an indication of the reluctance with which bulky coin is used by the public in highly developed commercial centers, I would call attention to the slow movement of large stocks of half dollars at such points. The Reserve Banks might be of assistance to us in inducing their patron banks to pay out half dollars instead of quarter dollars. With the object in view of permitting the Treasury to acquire a stock of paper money in advance of demand, we might be able, with the cooperation of the banks, to temporarily force the circulation of existing stocks of silver dollars and half dollars into the breach in lieu of paper currency. There is no redundancy of quarter dollars or dimes in any part of the country; on the contrary, the mints are short of quarters and dimes.

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The stock of subsidiary silver bullion on hand is only a little over four million ounces. This will produce about six million dollars in small coins. On account of pending legislation to force the Treasury Department to purchase additional silver under the Pittman Act, to which legislation the Treasury Department is opposed, it is presumed that the Treasury Department would be very reluctant to go into the silver market at this time for the purchase of silver for subsidiary coinage.

Mary M. O'Reilly

July 28, 1924.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 23, 1924, (DI-860 C.515/26) enclosing a copy of a note from the Polish Minister at this capital in regard to the desire of his Government for the coinage of an additional amount of silver coin at the United States Mint.

I have taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to proceed with the preparations for this coinage to be executed at the earliest date possible in connection with meeting the demands for domestic coinage.

It is understood that the American Smelting & Refining Company is to be the agent to represent the Polish Government in delivering the required amount of metal to the Mint, and to receive and make payment for the coins at the Mint upon their completion.

It is further understood that the second order covers the manufacture of 12,000,000 1-zloty pieces and 6,000,000 2-zloty pieces.

The charges for the manufacture of the coins are to be the same as agreed upon for the manufacture of the first order, namely,

For the 1-zloty pieces, $5.50 per thousand pieces.
For the 2-zloty pieces, 4.00 per thousand pieces.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

July 30, 1924

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Printing
Washington, D. C.

S i r:

In conformity with your request of June 28th, I have the honor to forward herewith statement of publications printed during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1924.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc:

August 1, 1924

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants.

S i r:

In conformity with your letter of July 31, I have to advise that the mint service made no expenditures in the states of Oregon, Iowa, Minnesota and North Dakota.

In the state of California (Mint at San Francisco) there was expended during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1924, for personal services, $217,515.16; and for supplies and non-personal services, $49,877.32.
In the state of Washington (Assay Office at Seattle) there was expended during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1924, $15,910.65 for personal services; and $5,000 for supplies and non-personal services.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 4, 1924.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriations Act, approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this office for the month ended July 31, 1924, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1924.

Memorandum for Assistant Secretary Dewey:

In accordance with your memorandum of August 6 the Assayer of this Bureau is already making up an alloy of silver and aluminium. Existing law prescribes that the composition of the silver dollar shall be 371.25 grains of pure silver and 41.25 grains of copper. We could not, therefore, change the alloy by substituting aluminium for copper without invoking legislation.

The principal weight of the silver dollar is in its silver content, namely 371.25 grains. Should aluminium be substituted for copper as an alloy we would lighten the individual coin by the difference only between the weight of the copper and the weight of the aluminium, which at best would be but a few grains. It is hoped to be able to demonstrate this to you by submitting a silver dollar and a piece of alloy made up of 371.25 grains of pure silver and the least possible amount of aluminium.

We can combine silver and aluminium but I am not at all sure that an alloy of these two metals would be practicable for coinage purposes; that would have to be determined by experiment made at the Mint in Philadelphia.

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 11, 1924.

The Honorable
The Acting Secretary of State.

Sir:

I am enclosing copy of telegram understood to have been received by your Department this morning and forwarded to the Department of Commerce. The Department of Commerce has transmitted the telegram to this Department without comment.

I have the honor to report that the United States Mints are not equipped to handle aluminum coinage. For this reason we would not be in position to cover this inquiry.

Respectfully,

C. S. Dewey
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

F-D

August 14, 1924.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants,

Sir:

In conformity with your circular letter of July 25, I have the honor to state that all moneys received by mint service officers during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1924, arising from sale of Government property or from any other source have been covered into the General Treasury of the United States with the exception of $268.12 standing to the credit of the special deposit account of L. Magruder, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint, New Orleans, the net amount of which special deposit account will be covered into the General Treasury in the regular course of business.

Respectfully,

M. D. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 19, 1924.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am enclosing triplicate copy of letter of recommendation for the temporary appointment of Mr. Ernest R. Hatheway as Helper at the rate of $1440 per annum at the United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington. The original and duplicate of this letter are understood to have been forwarded through the District Secretary of the Civil Service Commiasion.

It is requested that this copy be returned for its files.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1924.

Dear Mr. Borglum:

I have a report from the Commission of Fine Arts on the design for the Stone Mountain Memorial coin. The Commission has disapproved the revised model. The following is the report as to the inspection of the model:

"We found some changes made on the obverse side of the model, which bettered the design. The reverse was in no way rearranged. The criticism of the obverse is that the design was evidently not made to fit the circular shape of the coin but is a vignetted or cut off composition from what seems to be a longer design. Not only that, but the rendering of the work is incomplete. For example, the legs of the horses, being inadequate, will practically disappear when the coin is reduced to the fifty cent size, and the marching soldiers are crude and bad in proportion. We felt particularly that the neck and head of the horse protruding into the circle was weak design. The reverse was considered poor in every way--the spacing, eagle, type of letter, and conception. Furthermore we thought it unfortunate that the design for a coin of which five million are to be struck couldn't have been given more consideration and study."

Very truly yours,

Garrard B. Winston,
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Gutzon A. Borglum, Esq.,
Borgland,
Stamford, Connecticut.

F-D

August 27, 1924.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Agreeable to act of March 3, 1905, I certify that the accompanying two illustrations for the forthcoming annual report of the Director of the Mint are necessary and relate to the public business of the mint service.

Illustration No. 1--Full size:
Huguenot-Walloon special half dollar,
Two photographs, 1 obverse and 1 reverse.

Illustration No. 2--Full size:
Harding memorial medal,
Two photographs, 1 obverse and 1 reverse.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Secretary of the Treasury.

August 29, 1924.

Hon. William J. Harris,

Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Senator Harris:

Replying to your telegraphic request of August 28 I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of the Executive Order issued July 28, 1921, requiring the submission to the Fine Arts Commission of designs for coins and other works of art.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

EXECUTIVE ORDER

It is hereby ordered that essential matters relating to the design of medals, insignia and coins, produced by the executive departments, also the designs of statues, fountains and monuments, and all important plans for parks and all public buildings, constructed by executive departments or the District of Columbia, which in any essential way affect the appearance of the City of Washington, or the District of Columbia, shall be submitted to the Commission of Fine Arts for advice as to the merits of such designs before the executive officer having charge of the same shall approve thereof.

WARREN G. HARDING

The White House,

July 28, 1921.

(No. 3524)

August 29, 1924.

Memorandum for Assistant Secretary Dewey:

May I call your attention to the large stock of fifty-cent pieces now held by the Treasury offices and the Federal Reserve Banks. In anticipation of the usual heavy demand made upon the mints for small coins during the latter months of the calendar year we might be able to enlist the aid of the banks in getting half dollars into circulation, to some extent, in lieu of quarter dollars. The stock of subsidiary bullion on hand in the mints is relatively small, and a very practical purpose might be served by gradually urging the issue of half dollars, thus diminishing the heavy call for quarter dollars and dimes for the holiday trade.

The stocks of quarter dollars and dimes now on hand in the mints are small. As the mints are committed to a program of gold coinage until the end of September it will be difficult to build up a large stock of small silver coins on short notice. It might not seem too soon to start gradually forcing half dollars in order to conserve our present stock of quarters and dimes.

	Half Dollars		Quarter Dollars
Banks	8,110,000	Banks	4,700,000
Mints	5,480,000	Mints	671,000
	13,590,000		5,371,000

September 2, 1924.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report, in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriations Act, approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this office for the month ended August 31, 1924, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 8, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of September 5, you are authorized to renew your subscription to the Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering Journal for the current fiscal year, and to pay for the same in advance, in accordance with the Act of March 4, 1915.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

C. S. Dewey
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

September 16, 1924.

Hon. Eliot Wadsworth,
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 10 enclosing draft of proposed new public contract law known as "A bill to establish uniform procedure in making Government contracts", I have the honor to state that in the opinion of this Bureau the contract is consistent with the interest of the United States Mint and Assay Service.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 16, 1924.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Printing.

Sir:

Herewith please find approved proofs with the legends indicated thereon of two illustrations to accompany the annual report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

enc:

September 17, 1924.

Mr. H. C. Hensel,
204 First Avenue, S.,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

Your letter of September 6, 1924, addressed to the Federal Reserve Board at Washington has been transmitted to this office and your suggestion in regard to the use of small coins has been read with interest. The Department is making every effort to get into circulation silver coins of all denominations, and appears to have the cooperation of the banks in this respect to the extent of the public demands.

Respectfully,

O. S. Dewey
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

September 27, 1924.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 13 enclosing a communication from the Consul of the United States at Yunnanfu, China, with reference to Chinese coins forwarded to the Director of the Mint during the latter part of 1923.

The coins were transmitted to this office through the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver, who received them from Mr. J. W. Finch, and were lent to the National Museum to be included in the numismatic collection of the Government. Upon receipt of your letter of September 13 one set of these coins was withdrawn from the National Museum and assayed, in accordance with the request of the Consul at Yunnanfu, China. The results of the assays made upon the four Chinese coins are submitted.

	Weight Grains	Silver Thousandths	Gold Thousandths	Copper Thousandths	Iron	Lead
Dollar	411.20	603.0	0.2	396.1	Trace	Trace
1/2 "	208.16	507.9	Trace	491.1	"	"
1/5 "	86.40	698.1	-----	301.1		
1/10"	41.72	753.3	Trace	Base 244.7		

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

September 30, 1924.

Hon. G. B. Winston,

Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Responding to your letter of August 18 I am enclosing statements upon the following topics, for use in the preparation of the Secretary's annual report to Congress:

Silver

Mints.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1924.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report, in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriations Act, approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this office for the month ended September 30, 1924, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1924.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Printing,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I have to report that during the quarter ended September 30, 1924, no printing or binding for the mint field service was done at other than the Government Printing Office at Washington.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1924.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you obtain from the Civil Service Commission a list of eligibles for appointment to the position of junior clerk stenographer, grade 2, at $1320 per annum. This place has been made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Francis Darner on October 4, 1924.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1924.

Hon. G. B. Winston,

Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In accordance with the instructions contained in your letter of October 2, 1924, I have the honor to submit additional data on silver in connection with statement previously forwarded for incorporation in the Secretary's Report.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1924.

Mr. Samuel B. Frantz,
Bureau of the Mint,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the United States Assay Office, New York City, on business connected with the accounts of that office.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1925."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OCT 7 1924

Approved:

C. S. Dewey
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

October 10, 1924.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Referring to attached letter dated October 1, 1924, in which the Civil Service Commission notifies that James P. Garrett, whose designation was to be changed to elevator conductor from watchman, mint at Philadelphia, I have the honor to submit a letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia in which it is stated that Mr. Garrett misunderstood the question connected with the examination in regard to his previous experience and underrated that service. On account of this it is recommended that the examination paper of Mr. Garrett be reviewed with the hope that his rating may be brought within the amount required to place him on the eligible list as an elevator conductor.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1924.

Mr. George L. Harrison,
Deputy Governor,
Federal Reserve Bank,
New York City.

Sir:

This letter will confirm the following telegram sent to you today:

"Please turn over to Smith Superintendent New York Assay Office all combinations to vaults in Subtreasury Building."

Respectfully,

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Copy

United States Civil Service Commission

Washington, D.C.

October 7, 1924.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your request for the retention in the service of Kate Langton for a period of two years from April 12, 1923, and your amendment of October 3rd to that request, the Commission authorizes her retention in the Mint Service at Philadelphia, Penna., under section 6 of the retirement act for a period not exceeding two years from April 12, 1923.

By direction of the Commission.

Very respectfully,

(signed) John T. Doyle
Secretary.

Treasury Department, Division of Appointments
October 14, 1924.

Respectfully referred to the Director of the Mint for his information.

(signed) H. W. Stuttler
Acting Chief, Division of Appointments.

Bureau of the Mint, October 27, 1924.

Respectfully referred to the Superintendent, U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, for his information.

Director of the Mint.

October 28, 1924.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith the letter of the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Commission dated September 17, 1924, with reference to a call made by the Director of the Mint on the Commission in regard to having eligibles of good character certified to fill vacancies in the United States Mint and Assay Service.

This Bureau fully approves the suggestion of the Civil Service Commission that rigid tests of character and integrity be applied to all eligibles certified for employment in the United States Mint and Assay Service.

I have the honor to request your approval to amend the "Regulations Governing Appointments to and Promotions and Transfers in the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States" approved July 18, 1910, to provide that whenever the Director of the Mint deems such action advisable rigid tests of character and integrity be applied to all eligibles certified and only those satisfactorily meeting such tests shall be considered eligible for appointment.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 28, 1924.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 24, 1924, enclosing copy of despatch No. 580 of August 28, 1924, from the American Legation at Bangkok, concerning a process for transforming low quality gold dust into a higher quality.

The letter has been read with interest but the Treasury Department cannot avail itself at this time of the proposal of Mr. K. Kye Kwang to demonstrate his process.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

November 1, 1924.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report, in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act, approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this office for the month ended October 31, 1924, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 5, 1924.

Memorandum for Assistant Secretary Dewey:

May I call your further attention to the item for salaries and wages, Mint at San Francisco, in the estimates for 1926. The amount asked for is based on the following:

Regular salary appropriation for 1925	$ 48,400
" wage " " 1925	175,000
Amount in special House Bill No. 9561 to pay rates allowed by Classification	35,966
Total	259,366

The Mint Bureau's estimate was $259,000, and the Bureau of the Budget's allowance was $256,000. The amount allowed by the Bureau of the Budget takes away part of the allowance to meet classification schedules already in effect. We are already employing at the Mint in San Francisco at the rate of $259,000 per annum, and the $256,000 allowed by the Budget Bureau will cut us below the classification rates.

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 5, 1924.

Memorandum for Mr. Thompson, Assistant to the Under Secretary:

Referring to the attached letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury by Mr. Paul A. Davis, relative to the striking of medals of Dr. Charles W. Eliot at the Philadelphia Mint, the law provides that the Mint may not make dies for private medals, but there is no legal objection to having the Mint strike the medals from the dies supplied. The Mint could undertake this work shortly after the close of the calendar year, and would be able to give figures as to cost previous to undertaking the work.

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 5, 1924.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Freas Styer, Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. has requested an advance of $2,000.00 from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys, 1925, which requisition is approved.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1924.

Mr. Paul A. Davis,
American Security Association,
718 Woodward Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of November 4 requesting that the Mint at Philadelphia be granted permission to strike 100 bronze medals of Dr. Charles W. Eliot.

I have taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to arrange for the striking of these medals at the Mint in Philadelphia. It is understood that the dies for this medal will be furnished to the Mint, as under the law the Mint is not allowed to make dies for private medals. The striking of these medals cannot be undertaken, however, until after the close of the calendar year, as the Mints are at present taxed to capacity to meet the demands for holiday coinage.

The Superintendent of the Mint has been requested to forward to the Department an estimate of the cost of manufacturing these medals from the dies supplied by you, and this information will be transmitted to you upon receipt.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

November 13, 1924.

Mr. Theodore T. Belote,
U.S. National Museum,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Philadelphia and New York for the purpose of selecting coins for the numismatic collection of the Treasury Department now lent to the National Museum.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1925".

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

C. B. Dewey
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

November 17, 1924.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of a letter today from the Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Seattle, stating that he does not desire to bond John V. Wyckoff, watchman at that institution, after the expiration of Mr. Wyckoff's present bond November 22, 1924.

Respectfully,

M. A. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1924.

Memorandum for Under Secretary Winston:

Cost of transporting $50,000,000 in gold coin from Philadelphia to New York:

Postage	$ 1,950
Registration.	250
Insurance	2,437
Total	4,637

74 pounds, or $20,000, in a pouch.

Express 89¢ per $1000 or $44,500 for $50,000,000, practically $900 per $1,000,000.

Special rates doubtlessly obtainable. (Express)

1,000 kegs at $1.75 each, for express shipments.

$50,000,000 in gold coin will weigh approximately 90 tons, and would be about three carloads.

$147,000,000 in new double eagles, at the Mint in Philadelphia.

Director of the Mint.

November 18, 1921.

Dear Senator Wadsworth:

I have your letter of November 15 recommending the appointment of Mr. Samuel W. Brown of North Tonawanda, New York, as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, on the second Wednesday in February.

In response to your request I have taken pleasure in causing Mr. Brown's name to be placed on the list to be considered by the President some time in January.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. James W. Wadsworth, Jr.,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

November 21, 1924.

Dear Mr. Congressman:

Answering your letter of November 19, the design for the Battle Monument 50-cent piece, authorized by Act of Congress in memory of the valor of the soldiers of the South, has been approved by the Fine Arts Commission and it is expected that as soon as the Mints are free from the requirements for subsidiary coinage for the holidays they will be in position to commence coining these memorial pieces. The design includes the two figures of General Lee and General Jackson which appear on the battle monument itself.

Very truly yours.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. Burton L. French,
House of Representatives.

November 25, 1924.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith please find voucher of the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., in amount $800.00, covering 5,000 number 1 coin bags furnished the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. Check in payment should be made payable, and forwarded direct, to the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 26, 1924.

Miss S. E. Culver,

Katonah, N.Y.

Madam:

I have your letter of November 24 enclosing a clipping from the New York Times in reference to the campaign to put silver dollars into circulation.

The silver dollars you describe as having already been obtained from a local bank are of the only type now being manufactured at the mints. No other design is being used for silver dollars and no other type of silver dollar of current coinage is obtainable.

I have taken pleasure in enclosing a silver dollar of the coinage of 1924. Should you have further difficulty in securing a supply in New York the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., will be glad to assist you in obtaining them.

Respectfully,

C. S. Dewey
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

November 28, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of November 26, you are authorized to accept the proposal of Shoemaker & Busch, Inc., to furnish your mint with the following supplies, payment to be made from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Mint At Philadelphia, 1925:

2 doz. 4 oz. pkgs. absorbent cotton @ $2.67 per doz.,		$5.34
10 " Gauze bandages, 2 inch @ 1.19 per doz.,		11.90
6 " " " 3 " @ 1.74 " "		10.44
2 lbs. Absorbent Lint. @ 1.35 " lb.		2.70
6 doz. spools Z.O. adhesive plaster, ½" x 10 yd. @ $3.57 doz.		22.42
6 " " " " " " ½" x 10 yd. @ 4.08 "		24.48
300 Aspirin Tablets S & B @ .25 per 100,		.75
6 bottles Iodide of Thymol, 1 oz. bot. @ .50 per bottle		3.00
1 lb. Ichthyol Ointment, 20% @ $1.95 per lb.		1.95
1 lb. Carbolated Petrolatum @ .25 " "		.25
3 " Unguentine (1 lb. cans) @ 1.15 " "		3.45
6 bottles (pts.) Tinct. Iodine 3½% @ .90 per bottle		5.40
6 " (") Aromatic Spirits Ammonia @ .90 per bottle		5.40
2 " (") Compound spirits ether @1.00 per bottle		2.00
2 " (") Paregoric @ .80 per bottle,		1.60
2 " (") Tincture Ginger N.F. @ 1.25 per bottle		2.50
2 " (") sweet spirits of Nitre @ $1.00 per bottle		2.00
6 " (4 oz.) Peroxide of Hydrogen U.S.P. @ .07 per bottle		.42
2 lb. Boracic Acid @ .19 per lb.		.38
10 " Epsom Salts @ .07 per lb.		.70
5 " Bicarbonate soda, C.P. @ .08 per lb.		.40
		$107.48

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

December 2, 1924.

Hon. Nicholas Longworth,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Longworth:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of November 28 enclosing letter from Mr. C. Lee Downey, of Cincinnati, in which he suggests the use of a token coin.

As you are aware, no change could be made in the size or composition of any of the coins of the United States without authority from Congress. In the opinion of this Department it would not be expedient to undertake the issue of a coin of another alloy than that contained in the current silver dollar. Similar propositions have from time to time been investigated and proved to be not feasible.

Respectfully,

S. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

December 3, 1924.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report, in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act, approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this office for the month ended November 30, 1924, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 5, 1924.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Chief, Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

It is requested that the sum of $1,000 be advanced to the credit of the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys, F.Y. 1925", in order that the Superintendent may have funds to meet postage and registry fees on shipments of coin as requested by the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 4, 1924.

Dr. William Van Valzah Hayes,
[illegible] Park Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of December 2 suggesting the issue of a dollar of gold, silver and copper content.

No change could be made in the size or composition of any of the coins of the United States without authority from Congress. In the opinion of this Department it would not be expedient to undertake the issue of a coin of another alloy than that contained in the current silver dollar. Similar propositions have from time to time been investigated and proved to be not feasible.

Respectfully,

C. S. Dewey
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

December 8, 1924.

Dear Congressman Andrew:

I have your letter of December 4 recommending the appointment of Hon. Charles O. Bailey of Newbury, Mass., as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, on the second Wednesday in February.

In response to your request I have taken pleasure in causing the name of Mr. Bailey to be placed on the list to be considered by the President some time in January.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. A. Piatt Andrew,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

December 10, 1924.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the amount appropriated in Act approved December 6, 1924 (Public No. 293 - 68th Congress) under the following head - "Salt Lake City, for salaries and wages, $660.00" be credited, in conformity with the estimates prepared therefor, to the following appropriations in the amounts indicated:

Salaries, Assay Office at Salt Lake City, 1925 - - - - - $300.
Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at Salt Lake City, 1925 - 360.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 12, 1924.

Hon. Eliot Wadsworth,
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 4, transmitting copy of schedule of bonds originally executed by the Pennsylvania Surety Company in favor of the United States, which company has voluntarily retired from the business. It is understood that its unexpired obligations have been reinsured by the Sun Indemnity Company of New York effective June 24, 1924.

The records of this office have been examined and it is found that no employees of this service carry bonds with the Pennsylvania Surety Company.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1924.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir;

I am enclosing copy of letter dated December 2, 1918, from the Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office at Helena to your office, stating that Winthrop H. Wright was appointed Assistant Assayer November 1, 1918, and that his name was selected from a register of eligibles for probational appointment.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1924.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the letter of the Assayer in Charge, Mint at Carson, dated November 1, 1924., recommending the employment of Daniel J. Sullivan as temporary watchman during the leave of absence without pay of Charles Kyle, at a salary of $1200 per annum beginning November 1, 1924, be amended to permit the employment of Mr. Sullivan as temporary Assistant Assayer.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 16, 1924.

Secretary of the Treasury,
(through Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants),
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the following additional amounts be transferred to the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund from appropriations under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of the Mint. These changes are due to the increases in appropriations provided in Act of December 6, 1924:

Appropriation.	Amount to be transferred.
Salaries, Mint at Carson City, 1925	$ 9.50
Wages of Workmen, Mint at Carson City, 1925	7.50
Salaries, Mint at Denver, 1925	128.00
Wages of Workmen, Mint at Denver, 1925	427.25
Salaries, Mint at New Orleans, 1925	15.00
Wages of Workmen, Mint at New Orleans, 1925	28.50
Salaries, Mint at Philadelphia, 1925	274.50
Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1925	2,125.00
Salaries, Mint at San Francisco, 1925	164.00
Wages of Workmen, Mint at San Francisco, 1925	701.65
Salaries, Assay Office at Boise, 1925	16.50
Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at Boise, 1925	12.00
Salaries, Assay Office at Deadwood, 1925	16.50
Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at Deadwood, 1925	8.00
Salaries, Assay Office at Helena, 1925	16.50
Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at Helena, 1925	10.50
Salaries, Assay Office at New York, 1925	171.50
Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at New York, 1925	662.60
Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at Salt Lake City, 1925	9.00
Salaries, Assay Office at Seattle, 1925	26.50
Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at Seattle, 1925	56.75
Total	$4,887.25

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1924.

Hon. Albert H. Vestal,
Chairman, Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Vestal:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of December 10, 1924, enclosing a copy of H.R. 9241, to authorize the coinage of fifty-cent pieces in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Fort Vancouver, State of Washington.

Under date of May 17, 1924, you transmitted a copy of the same bill to this Department for consideration and report, and my letter of May 21 outlined the position of the Treasury Department with reference to the proposed coinage. I am enclosing a copy of that letter.

In this connection I wish to submit for your consideration the following statement relative to special coins recently issued:

Special Coins	No. Authorized	No. Struck	No. Returned	
Maine half dollar	100,000	50,000		
Pilgrim half dollar	300,000	300,000	80,000	
Missouri half dollar	250,000	50,000	29,600	
Alabama half dollars	100,000	70,000	4,000	
Grant half dollars	250,000	100,000	28,400	
Monroe Doctrine	300,000	274,000	217,000	1/
Huguenot-Walloon	300,000	142,000	55,000	2/

1. On hand at close of Exposition; later offered at face value.
2. 24,000 additional coins not called for.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

December 13, 1924.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 10, 1924, transmitting a translation of a note received by you from the Charge d'Affaires ad interim of Salvador in which he requests that 1,500,000 ten centavo pieces and 3,000,000 five centavo pieces be coined for his Government at the San Francisco Mint.

It is understood the five centavo piece shall weigh 5 grams and the ten centavo piece 7 grams, and the alloy to be 75% copper and 25% nickel. The coinage costs are as follows:

1,500,000 10 centavo pieces, per M pieces, $4.00
3,000,000 5 " " " " " 3.50

The following amount of metal will be required to execute this coinage:

		Nickel	Copper
1,500,000 10 centavos,	avoirdupois pounds,	2,727.00	17,361.00
3,000,000 5 "	"	6,267.15	24,801.45

Electrolytic copper .999% copper content, and nickel 99% cobalt content should be furnished for this coinage.

The coinage prices quoted do not include the cost of metal, bags nor containers for shipment, but do include cost of working dies where the dies are furnished.

I have taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to make arrangements for the execution of this coinage at the San Francisco Mint. The coinage can be undertaken as soon as the dies can be

prepared and forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco.

It is understood that Dr. Don Salvador Rodreguez, Consul of Salvador, 341 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California, will represent the Government of Salvador in receiving and making payment for the coins at the Mint in San Francisco.

Respectfully,

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Secretary of the Treasury.

December 16, 1924.

Mr. George T. Morgan,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Washington for the purpose of preparing a medal of the Under Secretary of the Treasury.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1925.

Respectfully,

M. W. Ridsdale

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

C. S. Dewey
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

December 18, 1924.

My dear Congressman Vestal:

I have your letter of December 17, 1924, enclosing a copy of H. R. 10735, to amend sections 3513 and 3515 of the Revised Statutes prescribing the weight of the silver and minor coins of the United States.

The Bill proposes the increase in weight of the silver dollar, the fifty-cent piece and the ten-cent piece, the decrease in the fineness of the two last named coins, the elimination of the quarter dollar, the introduction of a twenty-cent piece with the designation of a French coin, the decrease in weight of the minor coins and the introduction of a two-cent piece having the designation of an English coin.

In the opinion of this Department none of the changes proposed are advisable. The Bill appears to be without merit, and no public interest would be served by its enactment into law.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. Albert H. Vestal,
Chairman, Committee on
Coinage, Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives.

December 24, 1924.

Gutzon Borglum,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Model of Stone Mountain coin now in Engravers hands Already instructed to finish soon as practicable Dies should be ready early in January

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of Treasury

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

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December 23, 1924.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am enclosing correspondence received through the Chief Clerk's office in reference to a claim made by LeRoy E. Seter for increased compensation, as a helper in the Mint at San Francisco.

Mr. Seter is a per diem employee who is not furloughed one day each week, and it would therefore appear that the decision of the Comptroller General, newspaper copy of which is attached to his letter, does not apply to him.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 23, 1924.

Hon. David I. Walsh,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Walsh:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of December 17, 1924, enclosing a copy of a letter received by you from Mr. James Lehan of Stoughton, Mass., proposing the issue of a coin in commemoration of the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of the town of Stoughton.

As you are aware, an Act of Congress would be necessary to authorize the issue of commemorative coins. May I be permitted to suggest that the attitude of the Department is adverse to the issue of special coins. In my judgment the coinage should not be commercialized to finance any project or commemorate any other events than those of great national importance to all the people. Furthermore, the experience of this Department has been that souvenir coins are very disappointing to the associations bringing about the legislation for their issue, many thousands of special coins of recent dates having been returned to the mint for destruction.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

December 29, 1924.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am returning herewith United States Civil Service Commission Certificate No. 22149, and have the honor to request the selection of Donald Barnes, the first on the list, for appointment to the position of Stenographer-Typest, CAF - 2, $1320 per annum, in this office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.